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We will sell all our RICHLY DRESSED DOLLS at ONE-HALF Marked Prices.

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All the Expensive Imported Toys will be marked at about One-Third Regular Prices.

In Our Large SILVERWARE DEPARTMENT you will find the Greatest Bargains in St. Louis.

If you are looking for Oil Paintings you will find the largest collection in St. Louis displayed in our Art Gallery at one-quarter the regular art store prices.

EVERYBODY is invited to visit Our Basement Saturday.

## RAILROAD NEWS FROM ALL POINTS.

Income Account Report by Statistician of Interstate Commerce Commission.

### INCREASE IN NET EARNINGS.

Other Figures Compared With Those of Last Year—Passenger Agents' Election—Colonists Tickets—General Notes.

### RAILROAD SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The preliminary report on the income account of railways in the United States for the year ending June 30, 1900, prepared by the Statistician to the Interstate Commerce Commission, contains the following figures: The gross earnings of the railways included in this report were \$4,490,624, or \$7.75 per mile of line. Of these earnings \$2,569,769 were classified as passenger earnings, and \$1,920,855 as freight earnings. The gross earnings shown in the final report for the preceding year were \$3,818,415. The net earnings of the roads embraced in this advance report were \$221,832.92 for 1900, or \$2.10 per mile of line, as compared with \$190,750 for 1899. Income from investments and other sources, amounting to \$95,675,700, was received, so that the total income was \$3,914,812. The total deductions from income were \$3,692,976. This item includes interest on bonds, rents for leased lands, taxes (\$4,236,150), and other charges to income. The amount of dividends declared was \$109,691,167, which is \$2.52 per share greater than the amount declared by corresponding roads for 1899. The resulting net income for the operation of the roads covered by this preliminary report was \$221,832.92. The surplus shown in the final report for the preceding year was \$220,947. It should be understood that the amount of dividends stated does not include the dividends paid to stockholders by railway companies the mileage of which is operated under lease or some other form of control.

### GEORGE MORTON'S POSITION.

Annual Meeting and Election of St. Louis General Passenger Agents. The St. Louis Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon at headquarters in the Pullman building. There was an unusually large attendance, as the election of officers for the ensuing year was to take place. The result of the election was as follows: George Morton, president; E. A. Williams, vice president; C. S. Crane, secretary. Executive Committee: B. H. Payne, George B. Horner and George B. Warner. The new president is chief assistant to General Passenger Agent James Barker of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas. He is the compiler of the Texas Rate Sheet and one of the ablest and most popular passenger men in the Southwest.

### Getting Better?

Are you recovering as fast as you should? Has not your old trouble left your blood full of impurities? And isn't this the reason you keep so poorly? Don't delay recovery longer, but take

**Ayer's Sarsaparilla**

It will remove all impurities from your blood and tone up your whole nervous system. Give Nature a little help at this time. Aid her by removing all the products of disease from your blood.

Keep your bowels in good condition with Ayer's Pills.

Write the doctor freely all the particulars in your case. We will send a prompt reply. Address, Dr. J. C. Ayer, Lowell, Mass.

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The question of advertising for the year 1901 was taken up and discussed and a committee appointed to formulate a report and present it at the next meeting, to be held on December 25. The meeting then adjourned to be duly elected, without a dissenting voice.

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New President of the St. Louis Association of General Passenger and Ticket Agents.

### PENSION SYSTEM.

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Considering the Project.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A project for pensioning employees and paying benefits in case of sickness, disability or death is under consideration by the directors of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. The plan contemplates assessing the employees for a mutual benefit association, but the rest of the expenses to carry out the system will be borne by the railroad.

In many respects, the system will be similar to that of the Pullman Company, which has been in operation for many years. The men in the employ of the company will not be required to join, unless they wish to do so, but those who do join will be entitled to the full benefits of the plan.

### Proposed Lines in Manitoba.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 21.—A Winnipeg, Manitoba, special to the Globe says: The St. Paul and Northern Pacific Railroad is considering the construction of a line from Winnipeg to the Pacific coast, via the Great Northern Railroad.

The other delegation asked the Government to construct a line from Winnipeg to the Pacific coast, via the Great Northern Railroad. The line would be built by the Government, and the railroad would be operated by the St. Paul and Northern Pacific Railroad.

### Excursion Sleeping Cars.

To Los Angeles and San Francisco. The Great Northern Railroad is running excursion sleeping cars to Los Angeles and San Francisco, via the Great Northern Railroad.

### COAT BROUGHT ABOUT ARREST.

Frank Johnson Accused of Burglary and Larceny. Frank Johnson, 28 years old, of No. 222 Washington street, was arrested last evening and charged with burglary and larceny.

### Something New in Candles.

Patented by "Chocolate Silvers." The new candles are made of chocolate and are sold by the "Chocolate Silvers" at 25 North Broadway.

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